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SUBJ: WMO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 26TH SESSION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION WMO
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) CONCLUDED AM MAY 13. US
TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES LARGELY ACHIEVED. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
CLIMATE CHANGE PROPOSAL TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ENDORSED.
POLITICAL ISSUES SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, BUT CLEARLY WILL
PLAGUE SEVENTH CONGRESS. BUDGET FOR 1975 ADOPTED AND LENGTHY
DISCUSSION HELD ON PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROGRAM PROPOSALS
FOR SEVENTH FINANCIAL PERIOD. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW MEMBERS: DR. JU. A. IZRAEL, DIRECTOR, USSR
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, AND DR. K. MOHRI, DIRECTOR
GENERAL, JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY, ELECTED TO
VACANCIES RESULTING FROM RETIREMENT OF E.K. FEDEROV, USSR,
AND K. TAKAHASHI (JAPAN). NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENTS
REGIONAL ASSOCIATION IV, C. URRUTIA EVANS (GUATAMALA),
AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION V, R. L. KINTANAR (PHILIPPINES)
ALSO PARTICIPATED FOR FIRST TIME IN EC.

3. PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1975 (ITEM 7.1): COMMITTEE
APPROVED 1975 BUDGET TOTALLING \$7, 579, 540, OF WHICH
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\$7, 175, 040 TO BE COLLECTED IN ASSESSMENTS FROM MEMBERS. UNIT

VALUE FOR ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS SET AT \$6, 143.02 (NOTE: US ASSIGNED 274 UNITS AT 6TH CONGRESS). COMMITTEE'S ACTION BASED ON REVISED ESTIMATES PRESENTED BY SECRETARY GENERAL WHICH REVEALED INCREASE OF \$376, 640 OVER ORIGINAL ESTIMATES PRESENTED IN DOC 45 BECAUSE CHANGES IN EXCHANGE RATES RESULTING IN \$1.1 MILLION EXPENDITURE OVER MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE APPROVED BY 6TH CONGRESS. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THIS AMOUNT BE COVERED BY SUPPLEMENTARY BY 7TH CONGRESS.

4. PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR SEVENTH FINANCIAL PERIOD (ITEM 7.2): ALTHOUGH THIS ITEM WAS SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED EXAMINATION IN INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS, COMMITTEE AND PLENARY, FINAL RESULTS VARIED LITTLE FROM LINE-UP PREDICTED IN PREP COM AND REPORTED GENEVA 3502. COMMITTEE FELT MORE DETAILED JUSTIFICATIONS CALLED FOR ON MANY ELEMENTS OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROGRAM PRIORITIES WERE GENERALLY ENDORSED, EXCEPT IN AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONTINUED UNCRITICAL ENDORSEMENT SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS AND ESPECIALLY THOSE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NATURE. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER INCREASE FORESEEN IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES. EXCEPT FOR US, HOWEVER, DEVELOPED COUNTRY CONCERN THIS ISSUE MUTED. BOTH IN COMMITTEE AND PLENARY, US MEMBER URGED THAT ASSESSED BUDGET BE KEPT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH WMO'S PRIMARY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH BALANCE ACHIEVED IN SIXTH FINANCIAL PERIOD BETWEEN ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY ASSESSMENTS AND THOSE SUPPORTED FROM VOLUNTARY SOURCES. STRESSED THAT ORGANIZATION SHOULD CONTINUE LOOK TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNDP AS PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THOUGHT ORGANIZATION SHOULD NOT ACCEPT PASSIVELY DISAPPEARANCE UNDP FUNDING FOR REGIONAL PROJECTS AND URGED SECRETARY GENERAL REDOUBLE HIS EFFORTS WITH GOVERNMENTS AND UNDP ITSELF TO KEEP THIS SOURCE OF FUNDING OPEN. ALONG WITH OTHERS, US MEMBER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SECRETARY GENERAL'S STAFFING PROPOSALS TENDED TO BE TOP HEAVY IN NUMBERS AND GRADE LEVEL. USSR MEMBER IZRAEL HIGHLY CRITICAL ALL PROPOSALS FOR INCREASES BUT HIS SHOT-GUN, CARPING APPROACH HAD NO IMPACT EXCEPT TO IRRITATE. DEL'S CONCLUSION FROM DEBATE THIS ITEM IS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT NO ONE'S POSITION AT 7TH CONGRESS HAS BEEN PREJUDICED; THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL USE THEIR NUMERICAL STRENGTH TO ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH MAY NOT FORCE THIS IN REGULAR BUDGET IF THEY CAN BE REASSURED THAT VOLUNTARY SOUCES WILL BE ADEQUATE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. IN THIIISRESPECT, IT DEL'S VIEW THAT US CONTRIBUTION TO EC DEBATE THIS ITEM WAS CONSIDERED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRY MEMBERS AS CONSTRUCTIVE, EXHIBITING GENUINE WILLINGNESS TO SEARCH FOR

WAYS AND MEANS TO MEET DEVELOPING COUNTRY NEEDS OUTSIDE
REGULAR BUDGET.

5. WWW: PLAN FOR 1976-1979 AS PREPARED BY COMMISSION
FOR BASIC SYSTEMS (CBS) APPROVED, ONLY EXCEPTION BEING QUESTION
TOKYO - NEW DELHI MAIN TRUNK CIRCUIT, ON WHICH SECRETARY
GENERAL REQUESTED PREPARE FURTHER STUDY FOR CONSIDERATION AT
7TH CONGRESS.

6. GARP: STATUS GATE AND PLANNING FOR FGGE REVIEWED
AND ENDORSED. TASKS REMAINING AFTER FIELD PHASE GATE
DEFINED AND AGREEMENT REACHED THAT TEB WOULD REMAIN
IN EXISTENCE UNTIL TASK COMPLETED. ISMG TO GO OUT OF
BUSINESS ON 31 MARCH, 1975 AFTER COMPLETING RECORD OF
GATE FIELD PHASE.

7. WEAHTER AND CLIMATE MODIFICATION (ITEM 4.3): COMMITTEE
AGREED WMO MUST BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN THIS FIELD IN VIEW
GROWING PRESSURES FOR ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBERS. FELT
IT ESSENTIAL INTERNATIONAL GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT REMAIN
IN HANDS SCIENTISTS WITH METEOROLOGICAL BACKGROUND, THAT
WMO MOST APPROPRIATE BODY TO ACT AS FOCAL POINT AND
ASKED SECRETARY GENERAL TAKE STEPS ENSURE THIS RECOGNIZED.
COMMITTEE REQUESTED SECRETARY GENERAL TO INFORM UNEP OF
WMO'S SUPPORT OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND LAWYERS ON
LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMPENSATION QUESTIONS RELATING TO
WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES, ALTHOUGH COMMITTEE FELT
PRESENT LIMITED KNOWLEDGE MADE IT PREMATURE CONSIDER THESE
QUESTIONS AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. DALE

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8. CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD PRODUCTION: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION WAS WARMLY ENDORSED. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT SUBJECT WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND WMO SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN FORMULATING PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION. THOUGHT PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE STUDIES OF (A) VARIOUS TYPES OF CLIMATIC CHANGE; (B) IMPLICATIONS SUCH CHANGE FOR FOOD PRODUCTION; (C) CAUSES OF CLIMATE CHANGE; (D) SYSTEMATIC OBSERVATIONS NECESSARY FOR DETECTING CLIMATE CHANGE; (E) POSSIBILITIES OF PREDICTING CLIMATE CHANGE ON VARIOUS TIME SCALES; (F) EFFECT MAN'S ACTIVITIES ON CLIMATE. COMMITTEE NOTED THAT WMO ALREADY ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES RELATED THESE QUESTIONS, BUT EFFORTS MUST BE INCREASED. SECRETARY GENERAL REQUESTED SEEK COLLABORATION OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (ICSU, FAO, UNEP, UNESCO) IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM. TO PROVIDE FOCAL POINT COMMITTEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PANEL OF EXPERTS WITH CHARGE TO PREPARE REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT FOR CONSIDERATION AT SEVENTH CONGRESS. IN RELATED ACTION, TAKEN UNDER ITEM 5.4, COMMITTEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION REQUESTING SECRETARY GENERAL TO ARRANGE FOR WMO PARTICIPATION TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

9. OTHER ENVIRONMENT ISSUES: FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION
DOC 51, COMMITTEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION DEFINING WMO
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POLICY ON MONITORING ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AT BACKGROUND LEVEL AND URGING MEMBERS TO PURSUE, AS MATTER OF URGENCY, ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL AND BASELINE STATIONS WITHIN WMO NETWORK FOR MONITORING AIR POLLUTION. DEBATE THIS ITEM MARKED BY DETERMINED EFFORT BY SOVIET MEMBER. ISRAEL IDENTIFY WMO AS LEAD AGENCY FOR COORDINATING ENVIRONMENT MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN UN SYSTEM. HE UNABLE GENERATE SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION, HOWEVER. UNEP LIAISON OFFICER THATCHER FOLLOWED DEBATE THIS ITEM CLOSELY.

10. RULES OF PROCEDURE (ITEM 9.1): ONLY ISSUE WHICH DEVELOPED ON THIS ITEM CONCERNED RULE 18. IN COURSE CONFUSED COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT REVISED AS REPORTED GENEVA 3600, SOV REP CLAIMING TAHA FORMULATION LACKED UNIVERSALITY, PROPOSED ALTERNATE TEXT WHICH VIRTUALLY RESTORED TAHA'S ORIGINAL VERSION REPORTED GENEVA 3290. IN RARE INTERVENTION, PRC MEMBER STATED PREFERENCE FOR TAHA'S REVISED TEXT. COMMITTEE DECIDED SEND BOTH VERSIONS TO PLENARY. WHEN MATTER TAKEN UP IN PLENARY,

SOVIETS QUIETLY ABANDONED THEIR PROPOSAL AND ACQUIESCED
IN OTHER VERSION.

11. AFRICAN ISSUES: AFRICAN MEMBERS ABAYOMI (NIGERIA),
ACQUAAH (GHANA) AND TEWUNGWA (TANZANIA) WITH DUBIOUS
ASSISTANCE FROM WMO PRESIDENT TAHA MADE DETERMINED
EFFORT IN COMMITTEE STAGE TO ACHIEVE EC RECOMMENDATION
TO 7TH CONGRESS THAT SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL, UNLESS
LATTER CHANGES ITS COLONIAL POLICIES IN MEANTIME, BE
SUSPENDED. DURING DISCUSSION, SEVERAL MEMBERS, INCLUDING
US, TOOK POSITION CONVENTION DID NOT PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION
FOR POLITICAL REASONS, WHEREAS OTHERS, ALSO INCLUDING US,
FELT EC NOT PROPER FORUM FOR CONSIDERATION SUCH
MATTERS. INFORMAL SHOW OF HANDS, FORCED BY TAHA, REVEALED
COMMITTEE EVENLY DIVIDED ON QUESTION WHETHER EC SHOULD TAKE
POSITION ON QUESTION OF SUSPENSION. COMMITTEE THEN ASSIGNED
INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TASK OF DEVELOPING TEXT FOR CONSIDERATION
AT PLENARY. RESULTING DECISION, WHICH ADOPTED WITHOUT
CHANGE IN PLENARY, REQUESTS SECRETARY GENERAL TRANSMIT
DOCUMENTATION TO CONGRESS FOR DECISION WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
FROM COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE AGREED RECOMMEND TO 7TH
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MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY OAU BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO
APPROPRIATE WMO MEETINGS.

12. CURRENCY AND BUDGET PERIOD: COMMITTEE TOOK NO ACTION
ON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY SECRETARY GENERAL IN DOC 63
BUT REQUESTED SECRETARY GENERAL COVER THIS QUESTION, IF HE
DEEMS NECESSARY, IN HIS REPORT TO 7TH CONGRESS. COMMITTEE
ALSO REQUESTED SECRETARY GENERAL INFORM CONGRESS OF
RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNGA WORKING GROUP ON CURRENCY
INSTABILITY IF AVAILABLE BY THEN.

13. REGIONAL OFFICE FOR LA: IN DISCUSSION DOC 61 AND
PROPOSED LOCATION REGIONAL OFFICE FOR LA WITHIN THE REGION,
US, SOV AND UK MEMBERS ARGUED STRONGLY THAT REGION'S
INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY RETAINING OFFICE AT HEADQUARTERS
ECHEVERRI OSSA (COLUMBIA) REPORTED OFFER BY HIS GOVERNMENT
TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR LARGE SHARE OF COST OF OFFICE
IF OFFICE LOCATED IN BOGOTA. COMMITTEE AGREED MATTER
REQUIRED ADDITIONAL STUDY AND REQUEST REGIONAL ASSOCIATION
III TO RE-EXAMINE QUESTION AT ITS 6TH SESSION IN BUENOS AIRES,
25 NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 6, 1974. LATINS WILL CLEARLY MAKE
MAJOR PUSH ON THIS ISSUE AT 7TH CONGRESS.

14. PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH CONGRESS: COMMITTEE FIXED
CONGRESS DATES FOR APRIL 28 TO 23 MAY 1975 AND AGREED 27TH
SESSION EC WOULD MEET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FROM 26 TO 30

MAY. OTHER PREPARATIONS PROPOSED DOC 15 APPROVED WITH MINOR
CHANGES. COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED RECOMMEND TO 7TH
CONGRESS THAT DAVIES BE RE-APPOINTED SECRETARY GENERAL FOR
FURTHER PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS. DALE

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